

Councilwoman Cartright and the Cumsewogue Historical Society Announce Opening Day Celebration at the Gentlemen's Driving Park in Port Jefferson Station

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Farmingville, NY – On Saturday, October 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright, the Town of Brookhaven and the Cumsewogue Historical Society will celebrate the opening of the Gentleman's Driving Park in Port Jefferson Station. This family-friendly event includes refreshments, exhibits, and tours. Special guests in attendance will be the Nassau-Suffolk Horsemen's Association and the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, among others. Parking is available at the Staples Shopping Center on Canal Road, located near Morgan Avenue on Canal Road.

The Gentlemen's Driving Park is a half mile walking track, located two blocks north of Morgan Avenue on Canal Road, just east of Davis Avenue. This location is an important part of Long Island history, especially as it is the last of the Victorian era race tracks of its kind. The track was last officially used some 130 years ago for Sulky racing, among other types of horse races. Unofficial car racing through mid-20th century helped preserve the oval, which will now be open to pedestrians. The site of many exciting races in its day, The Gentlemen's Driving Park was once part of the Grand Circuit of Harness Racing Tracks of the North East and a member of the National Trotting Association.

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